

REMARKS

The claims were amended in accordance with the marked-up amendments, above. The amendments are being made to clarify the invention and to focus the claims on those aspects of the invention which are a commercial priority to the assignee. The amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

The Office Action rejected claims 2, 7, 12, 14, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Applicant traverses the rejection because the claims as presently recited resolve any issue that may have existed

In addition, the Office Action rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nielsen (5,826,031). Applicant traverses the rejection because numerous elements recited in the pending claims are not taught or suggested in the art of record. Nielson discloses a system and method for acting on information elements by downloading embedded web objects stored on a remote server. The method retrieves a web file, creates a list of one or more web object references, and sorts the web object references based on a priority attribute. The web objects are then retrieved in the order that they appear on the sorted list. Nielson does not describe a system or method for operating a browser that includes encoding a navigation link, replacing the navigation link with the encoding of the navigation link, and providing a modified content to the end-user, which includes the encoding of the navigation link.

In contrast to the prioritized downloading system and method as taught in Nielson, the invention as presently recited in independent claim 1 is directed to a method for operating a browser associated with an end-user comprising retrieving content from a content provider that corresponds to a navigation location, wherein the retrieved content includes an embedded navigation link, encoding the embedded navigation link, replacing the embedded navigation link included in the retrieved content with the encoding of the embedded navigation link, and providing modified content to the end-user, wherein the modified content includes at least a portion of the retrieved content and includes the encoding of the embedded navigation link that replaced the embedded navigation link.

Regarding independent claim 5, Nielson similarly fails to teach or suggest the combination of a method for making event information associated with a first frame of a web browser available to a second frame of the web browser presently claimed, wherein a first content originating from a first domain is associated with the first frame and a second content originating from a second domain is associated with the second frame, including receiving the first content, the first content including a plurality of navigation links, identifying a first of the plurality of navigation links, encoding the first of the plurality of navigation links to appear as if it originates from the second domain, generating a modified content by replacing the first of the plurality of navigation links

with the encoding of the first of the plurality of navigation links, and providing the modified content to the first frame of the web browser.

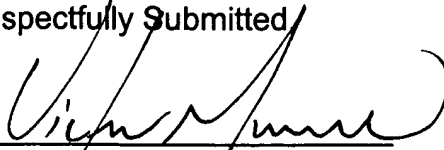
Regarding independent claim 11, Nielson also fails to teach or suggest the combination of a system for operating a browser associated with an end-user, including the claimed combination of a processor, a storage device connected to the processor, a plurality of instructions stored on the storage device, the plurality of instructions configured to cause the processor to retrieve content from a content provider that corresponds to a navigation location, wherein the retrieved content includes an embedded navigation link, encode the embedded navigation link, replace the embedded navigation link included in the retrieved content with the encoding of the embedded navigation link, and provide modified content to the end-user, wherein the modified content includes at least a portion of the retrieved content and includes the encoding of the embedded navigation link that replaced the embedded navigation link.

Regarding independent claim 15, Nielson similarly fails to teach or suggest the combination of elements for making event information associated with a first frame of a web browser available to a second frame of the web browser, wherein a first content originating from a first domain is associated with the first frame and a second content originating from a second domain is associated with the second frame, including means for receiving the first content, the first content including a plurality of navigation links, means for identifying a first of the plurality of navigation links, means encoding the first of the plurality of navigation links to appear as if it originates from the second domain, means for generating a modified content by replacing the first of the plurality of navigation links with the encoding of the first of the plurality of navigation links, and means for providing the modified content to the first frame of the web browser.

Accordingly, all four independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 5, 11 and 15) overcome the rejection of record and are in a condition for allowance. Beyond the foregoing shortcomings with respect to independent claims, Applicant further notes that the dependent claims include additional limitations not taught or suggested in the art of record, forming independent basis for novelty and non-obviousness.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims overcome the rejections presented in the Office Action, and respectfully request reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

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